Average annual income of farmers

12301. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any study to ascertain the average annual income of farmers working in agriculture sector;

(b) if so, what is their income;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the income of farmers at annual growth rate in the country has marginally increased since ninetees; and

(d) if not, what has been the annual rate of increse during the decade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) to (d) No, Sir. Ministry of Agriculture have not conducted any study to ascertain the average annual income of fanners working in agriculture sector. However, the Gross Value Addition (GVA) in Agriculture has increased from Rs. 242438 Cr. in 1993-94 to Rs. 392134 Cr. in 1997-98.

Size of Agricultural Holdings

†2302. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the size of agricultural holdings in the country is continuously decreasing;

(b) if so, what was the total number of holdings having an area of less than two hectares in the country in 1990-91; and

(c) what would be the estimated number of such holdings in the year 1999-2000?

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi